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US OPEN FINAL: HERE-&-NOW MOMENT FOR ZVEREV, THIEM

Austria's Dominic Thiem, Alexander Zverev of Germany will face off in the men's title decider on Monday (1.30 am)

FINALLY, A NEW CHAMP SINCE 2014

The final will see a first-time Grand Slam champion for the first time since Croatian Marin Cilic won at Flushing Meadows in 2014. It also means there will be a Grand Slam champion other than Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal or Roger Federer for the first time since Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka won the third of his tennis majors at the US Open in 2016

A BRAVE YOUNG WORLD

- If Thiem knocked out Daniil Medvedev in straight sets, Zverev had to dig deep to defeat Carreno Busta. This will be Thiem's fourth Major final appearance, while Zverev's first.
- Laura Siegemund (GER) and Vera Zvonareva (RUS) won the women's doubles, defeating China's Xu Yifan and Nicole Melichar

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THIEM'S HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD OVER ZVEREV IN GRAND SLAMS

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Medical workers wheel out the body of a Covid-19 victim at Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, in Belagavi on Saturday. More than 120 Group-D employees at the hospital, who are tasked with shifting bodies, are still awaiting the ₹10,000 one-time honorarium promised by the state government to all Covid warriors | ASHISHKUMAR GHANA HP

KARNATAKA
COVID-19 BATTLE

9,140 Test +ve on Saturday
3,44,556 Total Discharges
4,49,551 Total Cases
97,815 Active Cases
7,161 Total Deaths

105-year-old Kamalamma from Koppal district recovers from coronavirus

Belagavi Zilla Panchayat to conduct door-to-door check-up of patients in rural areas

...And Life Goes On

Even as health workers are untiringly going about their job, 'Covid-fatigued' people are moving out of their homes with little or no regard for safety precautions, as most facilities are now open to the public. As a result, cases have been spiking. From September 1 to 11, Karnataka recorded a whopping 88,210 cases, and over the last three days, it has witnessed over 9,000 cases every day. In early August, the state was recording over 500 cases a day, which rapidly spiked to more than 7,000 by mid-August. Bengaluru Urban recorded 28,119 cases in the past 10 days.

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HIGH NUMBERS, BUT STATE IS DOING FINE
DR K SUDHAKAR, Karnataka Medical Education Minister
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Judges' freedom of speech is curtailed by the same laws which prevent people from saying whatever they feel like, against judiciary
Chief Justice S A Bobde

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Justice N V Ramana

Judges victims of unfair criticism: Bobde, Ramana

Two senior-most SC judges flag social media slander and 'juicy gossips' against judiciary

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JUDGES have become soft targets of slanderous social media posts and "juicy gossip" in the garb of criticism, Supreme Court judge N V Ramana said on Saturday.

"As judges are self-restrained from speaking out in their own defence, they are now being construed as soft targets for criticism," said Justice Ramana, who is next in line to become the Chief Justice of India in April 2021 after incumbent S A Bobde retires.

Concurring with Justice Ramana, CJI Bobde said the freedom of speech of judges "is curtailed by the same laws which prevent people from saying whatever they feel like, adverse to the independence of the judiciary".

They were speaking at the launch of a book authored by Justice R Banumathi, former Supreme Court judge.

Justice Bobde said the importance of an independent judiciary is not limited to independence from executive powers, but from other pressures and prejudices as well. "Judicial independence is not for the personal benefit of judges, but for the nature of power vested with the judiciary," he noted.

Justice Ramana said there seems to be a misconception that judges lead a luxurious life. "From my own experience, I can state that the life of a judge is not a bed of roses," he said, adding the reality is quite different from what people comprehend.

He highlighted the self-imposed restrictions judges follow in their social life to remain independent. "I believe judgeship in the present day requires sacrifices unparalleled in any other profession, and the same is required to be made as the country's future is dependent on strong independent judges," he remarked.

Yechury named in Delhi riots supplementary charge sheet

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THE Delhi police have filed a supplementary chargesheet in the Delhi riots case, naming CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Swaraj Abhiyan leader Yogendra Yadav, economist Jayati Ghosh, DU professor Apoorvanand, and documentary filmmaker Rahul Roy, accusing them of "provoking and mobilising" anti-CAA protesters.

According police officials, the names were mentioned in a statement narrated by one of the accused and a member of Pinjra Tod, a women's collective.

However, the police clarified that a person is not arraigned as an accused only on the basis of a disclosure statement. "It is only on the existence of sufficient corroborative evidence that further legal action is taken. The matter is currently sub-judice," said the police in a statement.

Yechury tweeted, "They (Centre) are scared of peaceful protests & are misusing state power to target the Opposition."

States gasp to increase oxygen stock as hospitals face heat amid Covid-19 surge

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WITH India's single-day Covid-19 tally set to hit the one-lakh mark, availability of oxygen for medical use has become the latest worry for the Centre and states, particularly where the cases are surging.

Struggling to meet the rising demand from hospitals treating Covid-19 patients, some states are resorting to measures like capping the use of oxygen for industrial purposes and restricting inter-state supply. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab are among the states facing oxygen shortage while almost all states have seen a big increase in demand. The Centre, on its part, has put the onus on the states to ensure the availability of oxygen and has directed them to remove the restrictions on its supply to other states.

A Union Health Ministry directive in this regard came on Friday in the wake of the Maharashtra government ordering restrictions on use of oxygen so that patients do not suffer. The Uddhav Thackeray government recently put a cap on use of oxygen for industrial purpose under the Epidemic Act. It directed all producing units in the state to supply 80% of their oxygen for medical use and remaining 20% for industrial use in Maharashtra only.

The state, where the coronavirus cases have crossed the one million mark, hit the panic mode after a few deaths were attributed to poor oxygen supply in hospitals, even though authorities refused to confirm the same. Private hospitals in Navi Mumbai, Nasik and Dhule have reportedly pressed the alarm button and reduced the flow of the oxygen to Covid-19 patients so that they do not run out of supply.

Seven people died at a Jogeshari hospital and the families of the deceased alleged non-availability of oxygen.

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Chinese army releases five Arunachal youths

Itanagar: Five youths who were allegedly abducted by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China near the McMahon line in Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Subansiri were released on Saturday in Anjaw district, around 1,000 km away, a release said. P10

Warring Afghans begin peace talks

Dubai: Afghanistan's warring sides started negotiations on Saturday for the first time aimed at ending decades of war, bringing together the government and the Taliban. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo attended the opening ceremony in Qatar. P15

Fine Amazon, Flipkart for plastic, CPCB told

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Saturday directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to recover fine from Amazon and Flipkart for violation of environmental norms, including that of managing plastic waste. P9

Relief for BSY in poll code violation case

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IN a relief to CM B S Yediyurappa, the Karnataka High Court has quashed a case registered against him for violation of the Model Code of Conduct during the Gokak bypolls, in Belagavi district, in November 2019. He had campaigned there for the BJP candidate.

Hearing the petition filed by Yediyurappa, Justice Suraj Govindaraj quashed the complaint, dated November 26, 2019, registered for the offences under Section 123(3) of the Representation of the People Act and Section 171F of the Indian Penal Code, the summons issued by the JMFC court, Gokak, on June 26 this year and all further proceedings.

The flying squad had registered a complaint at the Gokak Town police station on the ground that Yediyurappa, during his campaign speech on November 23, had appealed that votes of the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community should be consolidated, and not divided. P7

HOT ON THE TRAIL

Police arrest Bengaluru jeweller in Sandalwood narcotics racket bust

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CONTINUING the crackdown on the Sandalwood drug racket, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police on Saturday arrested Vaibhav Jain, who was named as accused No. 5 in the FIR filed at Cottonpet police station, on charges of peddling.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Sandeep Patil, said Vaibhav Jain, who runs a jewellery business, is a resident of Vyalikaval. On Friday, his friends Pratik Shetty and Aditya Agarwal were arrested for supplying drugs to actors and celebrities.

A senior police officer said, "Jain was nabbed from his house. He was avoiding the police claiming that he had tested positive for Covid-19 and had isolated himself. A special team conducted a raid on his house around midnight and nabbed him. The police also seized his gadgets. His father, a famous jeweller in the city, was shocked to see a CCB team land at their house."

"Suspended transport department employee Ravishankar had revealed to the CCB that he, Vaibhav Jain and actor Sanjjanaa Galrani met at a hotel in 2018 and started attending parties where drugs were consumed. Jain was allegedly helping arrange parties at top hotels to attract celebrities", the officer added.

In Harihar, the Davanagere district police seized 4.1 kg ganja worth ₹1.25 lakh on Saturday and arrested three persons at Hanagawadi on the Harihar-Shivamogga highway. The arrested are Rahul (24), a resident of Jannapura in Bhadravati, Mallikarjun alias Mallu of Jyothinagar in Shivamogga and Pramod (23), a resident of Paper Town in Bhadravati. P5

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Privatise PSU banks, says Panagariya

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The Centre must unleash financial sector reforms as soon as the pandemic ebbs, former Niti Aayog vice-chairman Arvind Panagariya said on Saturday. Making a strong case for radical changes in the way state-owned banks are run, he said, "I think financial sector reforms are very critical, within which, I would go and privatise most of the public sector banks."

In a video chat with TNIE Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla and economist Shankkar Aiyar, Panagariya expressed deep concerns about the state of India's financial sector, saying the country entered the pandemic with weaknesses in its financial market. P11

EDU REFORMS

Writers bat for mandatory regional language in NEP

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WITH Karnataka set to implement the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP), some prominent writers as well as the Kannada Sahitya Parishat have advocated that the Central Government mandatorily implement the regional language as the medium of instruction up to Class 5, and not as an option. They have also written to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa requesting him to take up the issue with the Prime Minister.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, noted writer and novelist S L Bhyrappa, Jnanpith awardee Chandrashekara Kambara and Sahitya Parishat president Manu Baligar have said that the state language should be the primary medium of education in the NEP. For this, an amendment to Article 21 (A) of the Constitution is necessary. "We request you to amend the Statute and implement this at the earliest," their letter says.

Baligar said that they had written letter to the PM in this regard in August. Speaking to *TNSE*, Baligar pointed out that the NEP allows for the regional language/mother tongue as an option for medium of instruction. "If this choice is given, people will not opt for it. They will, instead, prefer English medium," he argued, and added that it should be made mandatory and not optional.

In 1981, the V K Gokak Committee had recommended Kannada as the medium of education in schools across Karnataka. Later, in 1994, the Karnataka Government issued the Language Policy which stressed on Kannada as the medium of instruction in all primary schools. P5